



ARENA REPORT



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Well, I've decided not to fold after all. I know, pretty lame April Fools joke. Hope all of you had a nice two weeks and are ready to get into some "AR". We have a live UWF TV taping report in this ish which took place under the blistering Orlando sun on 4/7. Scott Hudson looks at the last tapings for WCW and WCW Pro in his Journal. Marianne finally did pick Klon up and they'll be arriving for their respective columns as well. More details on the Wrestle Fan I confab can be found in "Ramblings". Correspondent match results and letters will round out this issue.

Next issue will be dated April 29 and will consist of two live reports. One will come from Jacksonville and WCW on 4/18 headlined by another Sting-Flair encounter. New J-ville resident Perk bought a ticket just last week and got front row. Lucky to draw 2,000. The other live report will emanate from the Orlando Arena and the WWF on 4/28. Scott Hudson will be back with more news from the Peach State. Mike Terry returns with his money's worth and Evan Ginzburg will shed more of his infinite wisdom on the minions. The publishing schedule for "AR" will deviate a bit after the next issue. Since I'll be on vacation in Connecticut from May 3rd-May 12th I will not publish the 13th but will come out on the 20th with the Wrestle Fan I Confab issue. There will be another three week gap after that issue as I will be in Cincinnati on business the weekend of the 31st of May. My company is making me in charge of the new shoe promotion. Just call me Al Bundy.

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UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

Sunday, April 7, 1991

Universal Studios

Orlando, FL

1) Animal beat Al Jabbar in a dark match with a flying shoulderblock. Wish it had been dark out. Herb Abrams explained that the ring announcer was delayed so they had to delay taping. Animal who is local wrestler Jim Cooper didn't look all that bad but Jabbar looked like a custodian from the studios. After the bout, Abrams took the mic and said, "Looks like you lost that one Al." One of many examples of Herb trying to steal the dim spotlight from the guys today. 2) Brian Blair beat Rico Frederico with a scorpion. Abrams did the ring announcing since the regular still hadn't shown. 3) The Blackharts over Bobby Bennett & Dusty Wolf. One of my highlights as I've never seen the

Blackharts work. Shoot, I didn't even know they wore masks. They impressed me although their opponents weren't good. Actually Wolf was decent but Bennet is a 400 pound slab of flesh. The finish saw the BH's put Bennett over the knee the other one came off the top rope with a legdrop. Luna accompanied the Blackharts to the ring and was tied for the most heat of the night. She works a crowd great. I would go so far as to say that given a shot at one of the majors, she'd challenge Sherri for best work at ringside. 4) Bam Bam Bigelow beat Rusty Brooks with a diving headbutt. While Brooks was getting heat from the fans, Abrams grabbed the mic and said, Why are you harassing those fans?" I was hoping Brooks would pop him. Another example of stealing the heat. 5) Boris Zuchov over Big V (Vernon Hemderson) with a clothesline to the back. 6) Malia Hosaka pinned Penelope Paradise with a frankensteiner. Best bout of the day. Penelope was managed by Luna. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ 7) Power Twins squashed Al Jabbar & David Perry. Power Twins are horrendous and this was only the first of three times we'd see them. David Schults trained these guys. You think he would have done a better job. But I won't tell him that. 8) Paul Orndorff piledrove Rico Frederico. Fans booed Mr. Wonderful when he came out. I don't think they knew if he was heel or face. 9) Cowboy Bob Orton superplexed Animal Jim Cooper. John Tolos managed Orton and got the most heat with Luna. He was knocking people in the crowd with lines like, "Why don't you get AIDS and die." or "That guy reminds me of a 70 pound herpe." With lines like that, I can't see how they'll make TV. -10) Brian Blair scorpioned Rusty Brooks. 11) Power Twins managed by Tolos now beat Steve Ray by DQ when Sunny Beach ran in with a suitcase and cleaned house. The story was that Beach was late in arriving so Tolos made Ray wrestle alone. Whole match was horrible. -** On their way out of the ring, one of the Twins told a ring ra....Ahem, a lady sitting at ringside, "Show me your ti__!" Are these tapes being shown on the Playboy Channel. That's the only place they'd be acceptable. At one point in the melee, Abrams handed a chair to Beach. He's been watching too much of Marc Lourance. 12) Cpl. Kirchner rolled up Boris Zuchov in a dreary 7:42. Dud. 13) Orndorff piledrove Wolf. 14) Blackharts beat Frederico and The Lynx (Brady Boone in his Battle Kat WWF outfit.) in a good match that went close to fifteen minutes. One of the Blackharts hit a ghourdbuster from the top rope on Rico. 15) Bam Bam Bigelow defeated Bob Orton via DQ in 7:00 when Tolos tripped the Bammer coming off the ropes. Decent out of thering brawling which led to some legit heat between the two as they had a stand off near the trailers where the dressing rooms were located after the match. It was out of the view of most of the fans. * $\frac{1}{4}$ 16) Steve Ray & Sunny Beach beat Bennett & Jabbar. (1991 Tag Team of the Year.) 17) Miss Luna pinned Malia Hosaka when one of the Blackharts tripped Malia coming off the ropes. This brought out "Wet N' Wild" (Ray & Beach) and they hit the Harts with some nasty chair shots. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 18) Power Twins downed Perry & Kirchner. 19) The Lynx splashed Big V. 20) Orndorff, Bigelow, & Blair beat Orton, Zuchov, and Rusty Brooks (sub for Debeers) in the main as Bigelow gave a diving headbutt to Boris. *

NOTES

Debeers was announced as injured the previous night in Ft. Lauderdale against Paul Orndorff. Could be legit as the Colonel was in Orlando as he was walking around near the dressing rooms. But his foe in Lauderdale was Brian Blair.....In talking with John Tolos, I found out not everyone in his camp agrees with his promoting. Tolos thought the 15.00 ticket price was a little steep especially for a TV taping when you want as many people in the place as possible. That price didn't tie in with a day at Universal either.... Halfway through the show they started letting in people free which must have pissed off the paying customers. At the peak I would say there were 250 people in the place.....Bad idea to have this show outside. It was 90 degrees and I got burned to a crisp. Had a tough time playing in my softball game the day after. (No, Sid is not on my team.).....Abrams told the Blackharts he wants to fly them everywhere for his shows. Yeah, I bet they're calling Japan right now cancelling their futre tours..... DeGeorge & Albano did the TV. No Bruno in sight.

RAMBLINGS

We'll start off with an update on Wrestle Fan I which takes place May 18-19 in Tampa at the West Shore Marriot. WCW will be sending Paul E. Dangerously, Missy Hyatt, the Young Pistols, and Ricky Morton to the Champions Sports Bar in the hotel on Saturday. I'd like to thank WCW in advance, especially Wayne Coulter and Chip Burnham for their cooperation on this weekend. Paul Spiegel has run out of tickets so if you are coming in and don't have tickets for Super Brawl, you'll need to contact Ticketmaster to secure your tickets.... After all was said and done, Sid Vicious is scheduled to wrestle his final match for WCW on May 19 at the PPV. He didn't resign and will start with Titan soon after the 19th. I will bet any money that he won't show on the 19th as he will be asked to lose a stretcher match to Gigante. I hope the NWA has a backup plan if he doesn't show. I did hear that they would bury Sid and put One Man Gang in his place. That would piss off alot of fans live....WCW will use the excuse that Lex Luger has become uncontrollable as champion and strip him of the belt. That avoids Lex having to do a job. Unreal. Nikita will wind up with the belt and feud with Sting during the Bashes.....All things pointing to another Luger-Flair PPV headline bout. This one in Baltimore. Truthfully, unless they are going to give Lex the belt, this is a total waste.Speaking of total waste. That's what they'll be doing to Barry and Arn. One of the bouts talked about for the Bash PPV is a six man with Barry, Arn & Paul E. vs. Sting, Gigante, & Missy.....Look for Bobby Eaton to unseat Arn in St. Pete for the TV title.....They were going to build up a big Bash feud with Flair and Simmons but they don't feel Ron is over enough.....Barry Windham no showed all his shots this past weekend. No word on what the problem is but every time he no shows, people start to get nervous. Who can trust the guy anymore?.....Lots of problems with the commision again in Baltimore. At the card Friday night during the Sting & Pillman vs. Flair and Arn bout, the commisioner and promoter Gary Juster got into an argument in the runway while Flair, Arn, and Pillman were bleeding away. Brian was said to hit a gusher. It ended up with Grizzly Smith going to the cage and Flair asking him what the Hell he wanted. Smith told Ric to go to the finish. When one onlooker told Juster that he would ruin Baltimore with this kind of garbage Juster said, "Tell that guy right there. (Pointing to commisioner.)". If you remember, it was B-More where they made the bout between Lex and Flair stopped for the little trickle.....Still no confirmation from WCW on who the third Freebird will be although they haven't mentioned it recently so maybe they dropped it. Heard it was either Angel of Death (Dave Sheldon) or Steve Austin. Rather have the latter.....Haven't seen the angle where Ultimate Warrior gets locked in the coffin by Undertaker yet but all accounts have told me it looked great. One of the funnier notes of the angle was George Steele as one of the agents trying to unlock the casket. He has a suit and tie on but looks just like he use to. Wonder what marks will think about that. Probably went to the same hospital as Norman.....Late word is that Magnim T.A. has called Buddy Landell and invited him back to WCW. We'll see.....At the card in Raleigh, there were 600 kids crowded around the babyface dressing room chanting for Sting during intermission. Wonder how much the Stinger paid them to do that..... Boris Malenko's UWF on 4/12 in Tampa before 225 saw Jerry Flynn beat Jumbo Berretta via DQ and Man Mountain Brody won a battle royal.....Wish this next item was a late April Fools joke. Merlin the Wizard and Oz will both debut at the May WCW PPV. Merlin will be Kevin Sullivan and Oz will be Kevin Nash who was Master Blaster Steel. An even worst part of this non-joke is that Jim Herd was quoted as saying that Dorothy, the Tin Man, and The Scarecrow would be at ringside. Which part is Jason Hervey playing?.....Japan photographer Bill Otten was kicked out of the TV studios by Herb Abrams after the TV tapings in Orlando. They were tapingsome interviews and Herb told Bill he had to leave. Otten told me that Herb had his checkbook in his hand but what Bill didn't know was that as soon as he turned around to leave, Herb dropped his

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SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

THE BOTTOM LINE IS...the shadow caused by the crack in your behind, what else could it be?! Hallelujah, its issue 17 of Georgia Wrestling Journal...
CENTER STAGE THEATER (Atlanta, Georgia) 04-01-91: WCW TV TAPING FOR AIR ON April 20, 1991. World Championship Wrestling: Sting & Lex Luger over Joe Cruz & Rick Ford..One Man Gang over Tommy Rich..Big Van Vader over The Unknown Jobber..Nikita Koloff over Rob Morgan..The Young Pistols & Big Josh over Magnum Force & Chuck Coates..Dustin Rhodes & Ricky Morton over Larry Zybysko & Terrance Taylor..NEWS AND NOTES: Apparently this is either a one-hour show or is going to be filled to the hilt with highlights..This show will now be known as "WCW Saturday Night" but you probably already knew it..One Man Gang squashed Rich, who was then triple-teamed by Gang, Kevin Sullivan, & Teddy Long. Junkyard Dog made an unsuccessful save attempt before Ron Simmons cleared everyone out..During the show, a new feature called "Heroes & Friends with Dusty Rhodes". Big Dust interviewed Flair on the debut and teased Flair about wrestling Anderson or Windham. Flair's response? "If either of them get in line, I'll beat 'em (snaps fingers) justlikethat" ..Flair also made vague hints about wrestling other Horsemen during a Danger Zone with Paul E..Dustin pinned Taylor in the main event which also saw the long awaited physical altercation between Bobby Eaton (who ran in) and Mr. Hughes..Hughes is doing the Big Bubba character to death, even so far as to do a great BubbaSlam on Ricky Morton..Dark match was Sting & El Gigante over Anderson & Windham when Sting pinned Arn. This was basically the same match that aired on WCW on 04-06 with Barry replacing Sid Vicious..I heard no official mention of who the third Freebird would be.. I attended with Steve Prazak, USWA's Craig Johnson, Ringside Rambler's Lou Ladinski, and Pro Wrestling Illustrated's Ed Crawford..(ATT: 800. Sold out at start.)

REAVES ARENA (Perry, Georgia) 04-02-91: TV TAPINGS FOR WCW PRO FOR AIR ON THE WEEKENDS OF 04-20-91 THROUGH 05-04-91. (04-20-91): Brian Pillman & El Gigante over Mark Kyle & Doug Vines..Arn Anderson over Tim Horner..The Young Pistols over Dave Johnson & Lou Fabiano..Junkyard Dog, Tommy Rich,&Ricky Morton over Joe Cazana, Rip Rogers, & The Unknown Jobber..Barry Windham over Scott Allen.. Lex Luger over Pat Rose..(04-27-91): Ricky Morton & Dustin Rhodes over Rob Morgan & Chuck Coates..Big Josh over Jeff Sword..Big Van Vader over Mark Merrow..Ron Simmons over The Unknown Jobber..One Man gang over Keith Hart..Sting & Lex Luger over Magnum Force..(05-04-91): El Gigante over Joe Cruz..Big Van Vader over Rick Hardrock..The Fabulous Freebirds over Tim Parker & Bob Holly..Terrance Taylor over Greg Sawyer..Ron Simmons over Mike Sample..Nikita Koloff over Tommy Angel..NEWS AND NOTES: Larry Z's Legends features Ron Simmons, Dustin Rhodes, and Ric Flair respectively..Simmon beat an unknown jobber bloody the hardway on the 04-27 show..Following the One Man Gang squash on the 04-27 show, El Gigante comes to ringside and carries the jobber away like a baby..A Brian Pillman vs. Arn Anderson match was taped for air on either Power Hour or Main Event. The match was a total brawl ending in Pillman winning by disqualification due to Windham's interference..A dark match has Sting & Gigante over Flair & Windham when Sting pinned Windham with a sunset flip..Thanks to Lou Ladinsky for the results..(ATT:4000. Big crowd)

OTHER STUFF: I thought Wrestlemania VII was putrid except for Rockers/Haku & Barbarian and, of course, Savage/Warrior. Davey Boy/Warlord was better than I expected and Slaughter worked his ass off..See ya' in two weeks

THE LAST WORD...



NOTES FROM THE PARKING LOT
By Marianne Ryan

Subtitle this: a tale of two tag teams. It is a story of one team that slowly disintegrated over a long time while the other struggled along in their climb to the top. It is about the Hart Foundation and the Rockers, and why, in years to come, the Rockers will be seen as the better team.

In many respects, the Harts and the Rockers have a lot in common. Both have one member who is graced with tremendous natural ability. Both have speed. And both have found great success as fan favorites. So what sets the two of them apart? In order to understand just what does, you need to go back to when the teams were just starting out.

Without question, the Hart Foundation is one of the best tag teams around. Bret Hart is one of the greatest technical wrestlers in the business today. He has a great deal of endurance and is deceptively quick. He has also been injury free for most of his career. When Jimmy Hart paired him up with Him Niedhart, he added a man who was quick and agile for his size, and who made up in power what he lacked in technical know-how.

Early matches showed a team that promised greatness. Being friends and family gave them a closeness that other teams couldn't overcome. They complimented each other well. But with Jimmy Hart in their corner, they often didn't have to rely on their own abilities as Hart's megaphone came into play on more than one occasion. After their shocking victory over the British Bulldogs to win the WWF tag title, the Hart Foundation went on a rampage, using outside interference much the same way the Four Horsemen do. It caught up with them 10 months later, when they dropped the belts to Strike Force. Jimmy Hart was dropped soon after that.

Following WMIV, Hart and Neidhart ventured forth on solo careers. It didn't take long for it to become obvious that Bret benefitted more from this than Jim. As a singles wrestler, Bret has sharpened his brawling skills against the likes of Bad News Brown, the Warlord and the Barbarian. Matches against Ted DiBiase, Randy Savage and Curt Hennig helped give him a refresher course in technical wrestling. In the meantime, Jim continued to use his power in series against Barbarian, Greg Valentine, and even Lanny Poffo. The end result was that when he and Bret were paired up again, Bret came in a much improved wrestler while Jim was at the same level as before.

After winning the tag titles a second time, it became increasingly apparent that Bret was carrying the matches. Neidhart's contributions were considered so minimal that he was going to be let go last fall. A last ditch appeal to McMahon from Neidhart saved his job. This wasn't the first time though that Neidhart was this close to being let go. A year earlier, much the same scenario had been played out, and a similar stay of execution was given. At WMVII, the time limit expired for Jim. He now can be found in the broadcast booth.

So what does all of that have to do with the Rockers? A lot. They could have ended up just like Bret and Jim, except for one thing. Marty Jannetty was smart enough to see the big picture when he and Shawn first teamed up. Back then, they were both pretty boys who could do OK for themselves without much effort. But Marty realized that Shawn had the talent to make it. If Marty didn't want to be left behind, he would have to work his ass off to make him the kind of wrestler that Shawn is naturally.

Anyone who saw any of the Rockers/Hart Foundation matches, or who saw Mary wrestling when Shawn was injured last summer knows that Mary has done it. He has turned himself into a good wrestler. He may never be as good as Shawn, but he's a lot better than most.

It is interesting to think what the Hart Foundation may have become had Jim Neidhart seen that same thing that Marty Jannetty did. Think of what a monster tag team they would have been if Jim had made a concerted effort to become a better wrestler. Instead, all he has to worry about now is sounding reasonably intelligent on the air, which isn't too difficult since his broadcasting partners are the Brain and Gorilla Monsoon. As for Bret, he talks of turning heel, preferably against the Warrior. Maybe even a serious shot at the I-C title. Whatever happens, one thing is certain -- he'll be remembered as a great wrestler, who once was part of a great tag team.

One last quick note, If I hear Jim Ross talk about Brian Pillman's "inspirational" climb from walk-on at Miami of Ohio to WCW star one more time, I will become physically ill. Even Missy doesn't make me that sick.

UNDER THE MUSHROOM

with

KLON

The WCW loss of Sid Vicious could be a much bigger story than many would like to admit. Sid is one of the least popular wrestlers by the so-called smart fans, for whatever reason. But I am of the opinion that Sid Vicious has one quality that you can't buy or get from chemical source, charisma. This guy can draw more fanresponse from doing the least of any wrestler since Hulk Hogan, and even Hogan pumps up the crowd by posing. I am of the opinion that Vince McMahon will build his next era around Sidney Eudy using some gimmick that he is the master of creating. Unlike other monsters that McMahon has brought in like the Warlord or Tugboat (who had a gone to flab physique, as the Big Steelman Ottman was the biggest monster musclehead ever seen), these two could not draw heat with nuclear powered welding torch. Vince is a master of creating the correct outfit, music and video footage to create the persona from the void. Just look what he did with Mark Callahan. This guy had couple of trips with the Jarrett/Lawler world and they were unable to find the role for him. The heads-in-ozone level of WCW had no idea what to do with Mean Mark as they called him. And this guy has no charisma or at least none of a superstar level. So what in the world will Vince do with Sid Vicious. ~~Don't~~ Don't be surprised what happens to Sid, whether it be the ~~face~~ the foe to face Hogan a WM or my own personal pick, the face to replace Hogan as main man on the gameboard of the true gamesmaster of wrestling, Vince McMahon.

I love wrestling and have been a fan since 1968. During the early 70's I took sheets from Ron Dobratz, Mick Karch, and some guy in Calif called Meltzer. The reason I mentioned this is simple between the WWF war angle (note E. Ginsberg I did not take the p-p-v, rent the tape, or watch it in any form) and the up-coming WCW Wizard of Oz junk I may drop out. Like other know names in the sheets I am rapidly losing interest. Oh I will always get THE Observer and I could not live without my Japanese tapes but I am really losing interest. So if I disappear from this sheet it's not because of any problem between Ron or myself or any other controversial reason. Thanks for listening Please excuse typing errors my little Melissa is grabbing this typewriter faster than I can type or correct errors- Sorry! Later Taters

CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER

Dillard's Music Park (G.A.S.)

Rome, GA

March 23, 1991

Correspondent: Scott Hudson

1) Chance Myers beat Invader (Vince Van Dooley) on a count out at 16:01. Was supposed to be time limit draw but the guy forgot to ring the bell so Invader just walked out. 2) Burger Powell beat Kyle Roberts when Roberts was Dq'd for throwing a fist. (What) Dud 3) Terri Power over Black Venus (With Boogaloo Brown) in 13:41. Decent brawl with chair shots and the like. 3/4* 4) The Avalanche (Paul Neu) knocked out Jimmy Powell in a "Dirty White Street Fight". Ronnie Gossett accompanied Neu to the ring and handed him a loaded glove to KO Powell in 10:50. **1/2 5) Mike Golden & Mr. Atlanta (Tony Zane) over Moondog Spot & R.D. Swain. At one point, Spot accidentally hit Swain with his bone. Spot (Larry Latham) then turned on Swain who juiced while Golden & Zane held the face dressing room shut. Spot was Dq'd for using the bone. ATT: 165

Meadowlands Arena (WCW)

E. Rutherford, NJ

April 4, 1991

Correspondents: Rich Kraemer & Andy King

1) Owen Hart flying body pressed El Cubano in 7:02. 2) Ricky Morton sunset flipped Black Angel from the ring apron in 8:30. 3) Dustin Rhodes bulldogged Buddy Lee Parker on his butt (screwed up move) in 10:00. 4) Van Vader destroyed Larry Zbyszko in 7:05. 5) Lex Luger over Nikita Koloff via Dq in 7:30 when Koloff was caught using a chain after a ref bump. Lex was using one of the U.S. Tag belts for his title. 6) Barry Windham & Arn Anderson defeated Young Pistols in 13:30. Fans cheered Horsemen. 7) Sid Vicious beat Brian Pillman in 4:30. Pillman wanted to play superman but Sid wouldn't sell much. Gigante came out to prevent further damage. 8) Ron Simmons over Butch Reed in a bout where both guys juiced. 9) Ric Flair beat Sting in 17:30 in a cage bout. Gigante was supposed to be ref but was attacked by Arn & Barry before bout and taken to the back. Nick Patrick worked the match and counted three while Flair held tights. Gigante came back down and entered to count Sting pinning Flair. Lots of confusion and if they keep it up, the Meadowlands brass will be making apologies to Titan. ATT: 5,000

Berlin High School (IWA)

Berlin, CT

April 5, 1991

Correspondent: Ted Bruttomesso

1) Larry Winters and Sunny Blaze went to a fifteen minute draw. Ted figures the only reason Blaze keeps his job is because he owns the ring. D+ 2) Preston Steele defended his U.S. Title pinning Thunderfoot #1 in 28 seconds. Ref got on the mic and proclaimed it as the fastest victory in wrestling history. As bad as it sounds. 3) Sunny Beach pinned Psycho Capone in 9:45. Both tried but the fans were bored. D 4) Chief Jules Strongbow pinned Cousin Luke in 11:15. This match made Ted long for a bout between Hercules & Dino Bravo. Real bad. 5) Preston Steele & Tommy Dreamer over Thunderfoot in a long 23:25. D One of the worst cards this correspondent has ever seen. ATT: 325

Greensboro Coliseum (WCW)

Greensboro, NC

April 6, 1991

Correspondent: K.C. O'Connor

1) Owen Hart beat Joe Cruz with a flying press. *1/2 2) Young Pistols upended Larry Zbyszko & Kevin Sullivan when Tracy sunset flipped Sullivan. **1/2 3) Dustin Rhodes bulldogged Buddy Lee Parker. G-Boro gang had a sign that read "The Natural Dustin Murdoch". **3/4 4) Van Vader splashed David Sierra. Sierra got in some good chair shots. ** 5) Sid Vicious squashed Ricky Morton among chants of "Take Me Out To The Ballgame". ** 6) Ron Simmons pinned Butch Reed after a

ghourdbuster. *** $\frac{1}{2}$ 7) Lex Luger and Nikita Koloff went to a double DQ. ***
8) Barty Windham & Arn Anderson defeated Brian Pillman & Sting. Pillman had
Arn pinned with a sunset flip but Barry hit Brian with a lariat and got the
pin. *** $\frac{3}{4}$ 9) El Gigante over Ric Flair via DQ when Barry and Arn interfered.
** $\frac{3}{4}$ ATT: 5,000

Baltimore Arena (WCW)

Baltimore, MD

April 12, 1991

Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Dustin Rhodes & Big Josh beat Royal Family when Dustin bulldogged Rip
Morgan. F 2) Van Vader squashed Johnny Ringo. 3) Bobby Eaton pinned El Cubano.
C Eaton was supposed to wrestle Arn but they need him for the main event.
4) Ron Simmons pinned Butch Reed after Teddy Long accidentally slugged Butch. B
5) El Gigante beat Ric Flair via DQ when Arn interfered. D 6) Steiner Brothers
downed The Freebirds when Scott hit the Frankenstainer on Garvin and Rick scored
the pin. How many times can they do this match? B 7) Lex Luger and Nikita
Koloff went to a no contest. C 8) Brian Pillman & Sting beat Ric Flair & Arn
Anderson when Gigante counted the pin for Sting on Flair. Ric & Arn were subs
for Barry and Sid who were announced to have travel problems. Ric, Arn, and
Pillman juiced. Brian hit a gusher. Looks like they are having problems with
the Maryland commission again. See "Ramblings" for more details. ATT: 5,000

Dorton Arena (WCW)

Raleigh, NC

April 13, 1991

Correspondent: Mike Gunter

1) Big Josh & Dustin Rhodes over Royal Family when Dustin pinned Jacko after
Josh gave him the flying axhandle. ** 2) Van Vader squished Brad Anderson. $\frac{1}{2}$ *
3) Bobby Eaton downed El Cubano with the legdrop from the top rope. ** 4) Ron
Simmons beat Butch Reed after Teddy Long slugged Butch with some brass knucks.
** 5) El Giganto beat Ric Flair via DQ when Arn and Sid interfered. Sting
and Pillman made the save. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ 6) Steiners over The Freebirds with the same
finish as B-More. *** $\frac{1}{2}$ 7) Lex Luger and Nikita Koloff were both DQ'd for
hitting the ref. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ 8) In a lights out cage match, Sting & Brian Pillman
beat Arn Anderson & Sid Vicious when Sting pinned Sid. ATT: 6,200

LETTERS TO "AR"

Questions

Do you think the NWA had always planned on Ric Flair being the Black
Scorpion? What do you think the outcome of the Sting-Flair main event would
have been at WRESTLE WAR '90 had Sting not been injured?

Did you catch Vince McMahon on Prime Time (3/26) doing "The Bird"? I
guess now we all know why Vince doesn't mind making his wrestlers make fools
out of themselves, because he does it himself.

Ron Gallagher
Limestone, ME

RL- I don't think the NWA ever plans anything out. From the day they started
that Scorpion angle, I don't think they had an idea what the conclusion
would be. I do believe that the NWA was planning on changing the title
at WRESTLE WAR if Sting hadn't been injured. Did Vince's actions on
Prime Time surprise you?

WWF & Marianne

If there is such a thing as wrestling burnout, I think I had it. Although
I was glued to CNN from my command post on the couch for six weeks, I was losing
interest in watching wrestling before the war started. But, "Superstars &
Stripes Forever" put me on the road to recovery. I thought it was great. Or
maybe I overreacted to my first indulgence after weeks of abstinence? Anyway,

the show actually prompted me to order WMVII on PPV, not to mention that I did S&SF two nights in a row! I've also learned that the WWF is coming back to little ol' Poughkeepsie in April after a six month absence. So I'm well on my way to recovery. (I'm almost sorry I cancelled Madison Square Garden channel a few weeks ago.)

I am happy to be back to abnormal, but there is still something bothering me. Has Marianne Ryan buckled under in response to recent criticism and changed the subject matter of her "Notes" column? I sure hope not. Her last two columns, although very interesting and well written, were not of her usual style that makes me turn immediatly to "Notes" with the thought of, "Oh boy, I can't wait to see what that Marianne's been up to." Marianne's column content was always one of a kind. So, Marianne-don't change! "AR" continues to be the best among the wrestling newsletters. By the way, your new letter-head looks great.

Marilyn Rundle
Gardiner, NY

WCW Dubbing

Just waiting for something like this to happen.. While watching TSN Power Hour the other day, a crowd chant of "Freebirds Suck" started up for a few seconds. Nothing unusual about that in itself-'cept it was during a Dustin Rhodes vs. Joe Cazana squash! Oh, the wonder of overdubbing crowd noise.

J.Z Travis
Woodstock, ONT

RL- Hey J.Z. You sure it wasn't that the fans thought they were watching a clean cut Michael Hayes?

Thoughts From Rod

Wasn't the Warrior-Savage WMVII match a great bout? Especially for lovers of Sexational Sherri. The sex maniac in me loved the skin show. The lover of great workers in me admired the work the woman did. The realist in me was amused at the total suspension of reality needed to run the Liz/Randy reconciliation. The sentimentalist in me loved that part of the show. A little part of me wondered at how many kids were being taught that it's fine for a man to beat up a woman. Another part of me cringed at the blatant female degradation and abuse.

Where are all the female fans in the sheets? Dave says there are 30% female fans. If there are 5,000 hardcores, there should be 1,350 females. How come the only writers are Teresa once in a while in Sushi and Marianne Ryan in "AR", and coming up, Reflector? I wonder if it has anything to do with a fear of being labelled a rat or attacked for no sound reason. Like Ferk. She must be a good writer. I have seen letters which showed a great ability and fine wit. I wonder if she got turned off some sheets because of sexist, smartass, meant in fun but maybe taken the wrong way remarks from idiots like Jeff Mullins and "Hot Rod" Leighton?

Speaking of Ferk, how come in Baltimore, none of you chivalrous guys offered to let her sit on your knee? Or better yet, to trade seats with her.

Something else that has been bothering me. How do the wives of sheet guys who mention their ladies feel when they get dragged into somebody's sheet? Usually in a sexist way. Mullins was guilty of this a couple of times. I have been guilty of it. I also wonder what the guys think about the possible effect on their ladies. What does Ron think about Cheryl getting drug into stuff like this? Does Lance ever wonder how people must view his marriage and his wife when he talks about Missy/Hot Babes/etc.?

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RL- Cheryl knows that the times she's been mentioned in the sheets was never

a malicious attack. Thus, she shrugs it off and goes on with her life. No big deal.

Harry Speaks

A couple of issues ago you were griping about all the rain recently. You were wondering how Florida earned the nickname Sunshine State with all the rain. Zinger has already likened me to Al Bundy so at the risk of sounding like Cliff Clavin, I will tell you how Florida became known as the Sunshine State. You transplanted Northeasterners falsely assume it is because of all sun and no clouds. The real reason is because the state's population is 75% over age 65. Florida was nicknamed Sunshine State after the movie and play, "The Sunshine Boys" with George Burns and Walter Mathieu playing two old time vaudevillains.

With most of the U.S. Japanese population residing in California and Hawaii and most young people residing anywhere but Florida, I'll bet Verne Gagne's old time AWA could outdraw the WCW-New Japan PPV in St. Petersburg.

Too bad Sid Vicious was thinking about leaving WCW. He was so over at STARCADE, I thought the Cardinals would ask him to throw out the first pitch at the home opener.

I don't know if the lovely Ms. York has sold any tickets but I'm sure she has done quite a bit to advance enrollment in computer literacy courses.

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checkbook and it bounced right back into his hand.....SWA on 4/11 drew 60 fans in Tampa to see Jerry Flynn upend Nuclear Assassin #2.....Jeff Bowdren has a big list of Japan tapes for sale. Call him at (305)321-9851.....Speaking of Jeff; I hope we've seen the last of Bill Kunkel's "Bowdown the Booker" comic strips in Pro Wrestling Torch. Coming so soon after Jeff left the fold smacks of sour grapes from the boy wonder. And I'm not being a homer either.... The Black Blood gimmick has been dropped before it got started but I think that's mainly because Billy Jack Haynes never showed up. Another Mr. Reliable... They'll be moving the tapings out of Georgia for the month of May. But don't worry, Scott Hudson has lots going on to keep him busy with his journal..... Jon Gallagher continues to put out Wrestling Forum at \$1.50 per issue. He's starting a big subscription drive so if you haven't tried it, now's the time to do so. Write to Jon at P.O. Box 65, Knoxville, IL 61448.....

That will put a wrap on this issue. Hope you all enjoyed. Thanks for reading and we'll see you on the 29th.

See ya,

Ron